

## PROCEEDINGS AGAINST SAUL GROSSMAN

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Mr. Wood of Georgia, from the Committee on Un-American Activities,  
submitted the following

### R E P O R T

#### CITING SAUL GROSSMAN

The Committee on Un-American Activities, as created and authorized by the House of Representatives through the enactment of Public Law 601, section 121, subsection (q) (2), of the Seventy-ninth Congress and under House Resolution No. 7, of the Eighty-second Congress, caused to be issued a subpoena to Saul Grossman. The said subpoena directed Saul Grossman forthwith to be and appear before a subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives of the United States in its chambers in the city of Washington, on April 29, 1952, and as executive secretary of the Michigan Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, to bring with him all records, correspondence, and memoranda pertaining to the organization of the Michigan Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, the affiliation with other organizations, membership records, and all moneys expended and/or received by the Michigan Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. The subpoena served upon the said Saul Grossman is set forth in words and figures as follows:

By authority of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America, to Donald T. Appell. You are hereby commanded to summon Saul Grossman, executive secretary of the Michigan Committee for Protection of Foreign Born to be and appear before the subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives of the United States, of which the Hon. Francis E. Walter is chairman, together with all records, correspondence, and memoranda pertaining to the organization of the Michigan Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, the affiliation with other organizations, membership records, and all moneys expended and/or received by the Michigan Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, in their chamber in the city of Washington, in room 226, Old House Office Building, on April 29, 1952, at the hour of forthwith, then and there to testify touching matters of inquiry committed to said committee; and he is not to depart without leave of said committee. Herein fail not, and make return of this summons. Witness my hand and the seal of the House of Representatives of the United States, at the city of Washington, this 29th day of April 1952.

FRANCIS E. WALTER,  
*Acting Chairman.*

Attest:  
[SEAL]

RALPH H. ROBERTS,  
*Clerk, United States House of Representatives.*

The said subpoena was duly served, as appears by the return made thereon by Donald T. Appell, investigator for the House Committee on Un-American Activities, a person duly authorized to serve the said subpoena. The return of the service endorsed on the said subpoena is set forth in words and figures as follows:

Subpena for Saul Grossman before the Committee on Un-American Activities; served herein named in hearing room of House Committee on Un-American Activities at 11:20 a. m., April 29, 1952.

DONALD T. APPELL,  
*Investigator, Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives.*

Prior to the issuance of the said subpoena, a subpoena duces tecum was issued on the 5th day of March, 1952, requiring Saul Grossman, executive secretary of the Michigan Chapter of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, to be and appear before the Committee on Un-American Activities, of the House of Representatives of the United States, or a duly authorized subcommittee thereof, at room 737 Federal Building, Detroit, Mich., on March 12, 1952, at the hour of 10 a. m. and to bring with him all records, correspondence, and memoranda pertaining to the organization of, the affiliation with other organizations, membership records, and all moneys expended and/or received by the Detroit Chapter of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, and then and there to testify touching matters of inquiry committed to said committee and not to depart without leave of said committee. The said subpoena was served by W. J. Jones, an investigator for the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives on the 5th day of March, 1952, and said subpoena was continued and extended to the 26th day of March, 1952.

A subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities met pursuant to call on the 12th day of March, 1952, at 10 a. m. in room 740, Federal Building, Detroit, Mich., Representative John S. Wood, chairman, presiding, and committee members Francis E. Walter, Donald L. Jackson, and Charles E. Potter being present. When the said Saul Grossman was called as a witness before said subcommittee, Ernest Goodman, counsel for the said Saul Grossman, advised the committee that he had received a doctor's certificate stating that the said Saul Grossman was in bed with the flu and would be confined to bed for the balance of the week. Upon examination of the doctor's certificate by the chairman, the said subpoena duces tecum was continued to the 26th day of March, at Washington, D. C. The said subpoena was again extended to the 29th day of April, 1952, at Washington, D. C.

On the 29th day of April, 1952, the Committee on Un-American Activities, under the authority heretofore set forth, caused to be issued a subpoena duces tecum, requiring Saul Grossman to be and appear before a subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives of the United States, in their chambers in the city of Washington, and as executive secretary of the Michigan Chapter of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, to bring with him all records, correspondence, and memoranda pertaining to the organization of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, the affiliation with other organizations, membership records, and all moneys

expended and/or received by the Detroit Chapter of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, on April 29, 1952, at 10:45 a. m., then and there to testify to matters of inquiry committed to the said committee and not to depart without leave of said committee. The said subpoena is set forth in words and figures as follows:

By authority of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America to Donald T. Appell. You are hereby commanded to summon Saul Grossman, executive secretary of the Michigan Chapter of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, to be and appear before the subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives of the United States, of which the Hon. Francis E. Walter is chairman, together with all records, correspondence, and memoranda pertaining to the organization of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, the affiliation with other organizations, membership records, and all moneys expended and/or received by the Detroit Chapter of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, in their chamber in the city of Washington, room 226, Old House Office Building, on April 29, 1952, at the hour of 10:45 a. m., then and there to testify touching matters of inquiry committed to said committee; and he is not to depart without leave of said committee. Herein fail not, and make return of this summons. Witness my hand and the seal of the House of Representatives of the United States, at the city of Washington, this 29th day of April, 1952.

FRANCIS E. WALTER,  
*Acting Chairman.*

Attest:  
[SEAL]

RALPH R. ROBERTS,  
*Clerk, United States House of Representatives.*

The said subpoena was duly served, as appears by the return made thereon by Donald T. Appell, investigator for the House Committee on Un-American Activities, a person duly authorized to serve the said subpoena. The return of the service endorsed on the said subpoena is set forth in words and figures as follows:

Subpena for Saul Grossman before the Committee on Un-American Activities; served the herein named at 10:40 a. m., in room 226, Old House Office Building.

DONALD T. APPELL,  
*Investigator, Committee on Un-American Activities  
of the House of Representatives.*

In compliance with the said subpoena issued on the 5th day of March 1952, and extended to the 26th day of March 1952, and again extended to the 29th day of April 1952, as aforesaid, and the said subpoena issued on the 29th day of April 1952, requiring the appearance of the witness at 10:45 a. m. in the committee chambers, Saul Grossman appeared before the said committee, and your committee then and there demanded the production of all records, correspondence, and memoranda pertaining to the organization of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, the affiliation with other organizations, membership records, and all moneys expended and/or received by the Detroit chapter of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, and the said Saul Grossman refused to produce the said records and documents, and refused to answer all questions relating thereto, the said Saul Grossman having appeared as a witness and having been asked questions, namely:

Why haven't you produced them [records and documents] in accordance with the demands of the subpoena?

Are you the executive secretary of the Michigan Committee for Protection of Foreign Born?

Are you acquainted with an organization known as the Michigan Committee for Protection of Foreign Born?

Do you know whether the Michigan Committee for Protection of Foreign Born is a part of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born?

which questions were pertinent to the subject under inquiry, refused to answer such questions; and as a result of the said Saul Grossman's refusal to answer the aforesaid questions and produce the aforesaid records and documents, your committee was prevented from receiving testimony and information concerning a matter committed to said committee in accordance with the terms of the subpoena served upon said Saul Grossman.

The record of the proceedings before the committee on April 29, 1952, during which the said Saul Grossman refused to produce the said records and documents pertinent to the subject under inquiry, and during which the said Saul Grossman refused to answer the aforesaid questions, pertinent to the subject under inquiry is set forth as follows:

(A subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities of the United States House of Representatives, consisting of Hon. Francis E. Walter, chairman, Hon. James B. Frazier, Jr., Hon. Bernard W. Kearney, and Hon. Donald L. Jackson (Hon. James B. Frazier, Jr., being absent), met in the chamber of the Committee on Un-American Activities in room 226, Old House Office Building, Washington, D. C., on April 29, 1952, at 10:40 a. m.)

Mr. WALTER. The committee will come to order.

The chairman of the committee has appointed a subcommittee consisting of Messrs. Frazier, Kearney, Jackson, and Walter, to conduct this hearing. A majority of that subcommittee is present.

Proceed, Mr. Tavenner.

Mr. TAVENNER. I would like to call Mr. Grossman, please; Mr. Saul Grossman.

Mr. WALTER. Mr. Grossman, will you raise your right hand?

Do you swear the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. GROSSMAN. I do.

Mr. WALTER. Mr. Grossman, are you represented by counsel?

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Mr. GROSSMAN. Yes, I am.

Mr. WALTER. Will the counsel please state his name and address for the record?

Mr. REIN. David Rein, R-e-i-n, 711 Fourteenth Street, NW., Washington, D. C.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you state your full name, please, sir?

Mr. GROSSMAN. My name is Saul Grossman.

Mr. TAVENNER. Mr. Grossman, you have been subpoenaed here in your official capacity as executive secretary of the Michigan chapter of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, to produce certain records called for in the subpoena duces tecum.

I would like at this point to offer in evidence the subpoena, bearing date of March 5, 1952, subpoenaing Saul Grossman, executive secretary of the Michigan chapter of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, which was served on March 5, 1952, by Mr. W. L. Jones, investigator of the Committee on Un-American Activities, and I ask that it be marked "Exhibit No. 1."

Mr. WALTER. Without objection, it will be so marked and received.

(The subpoena referred to was marked "Grossman Exhibit No. 1" and made a part of the record.)

Mr. TAVENNER. That is Grossman exhibit No. 1.

That subpoena was for production of the records at the hearing then being conducted in Detroit.

I desire also to introduce in evidence copy of a telegram from the chairman to Mr. Ernest Goodman. But before that I desire to refer to a direction given by the chairman of the Committee on Un-American Activities during the last day of the hearings in Detroit, March 12, 1952, in the following language:



"In the meantime all witnesses who had been subpoenaed to appear here before this committee during this week are directed that the subpoenas are hereby continued effective until March 26, at which time you will be given official notification as to whether the committee will be back here or whether you will be required to come to Washington. That includes all witnesses who are now subpoenaed here before this committee."

And now I would like to introduce in evidence and have marked as Grossman exhibit No. 2, a telegram from the chairman of this committee, bearing date March 21, as follows:

"Mr. ERNEST GOODMAN,

*"Attorney at Law, Cadillac Tower Building, Detroit, Mich.:"*

"Appearance before Committee on Un-American Activities of your clients Harold Franklin and Saul Grossman is hereby postponed from March 26, 1952, to Tuesday, April 29, 1952, 226 House Office Building, Washington, D. C., 10:30 a. m. Please confirm by collect return wire."

Then this morning on your arrival here, Mr. Grossman, you were served with a subpoena requiring the production of the same records and documents before the committee here in Washington. Is that correct?

Mr. GROSSMAN. I was served with a subpoena this morning as I was in the ante-room of this committee.

Mr. TAVENNER. I desire to offer in evidence the subpoena referred to, which was served by Mr. Donald T. Appell, investigator of this committee, and ask that it be marked "Grossman Exhibit No. 3."

Mr. WALTER. The documents referred to may be so marked and made of record.

(The documents referred to were marked "Grossman Exhibits Nos. 2 and 3," and made a part of the record.)

Mr. TAVENNER. Now, Mr. Grossman, have you with you the records and documents described in the subpoena duces tecum?

Mr. GROSSMAN. No; I do not.

Mr. TAVENNER. Why haven't you produced them in accordance with the demands of the subpoena?

Mr. GROSSMAN. I decline to answer that question, invoking my privileges under the fifth amendment against self-incrimination.

Mr. TAVENNER. You are the executive secretary of the Michigan chapter of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, are you not?

Mr. GROSSMAN. I know of no such organization.

Mr. TAVENNER. Then if you know of no such organization, how could production of the records of such an organization or your testifying regarding it in any way incriminate you?

(Mr. GROSSMAN confers with his counsel.)

Mr. GROSSMAN. I will stick to my previous answer to that question.

Mr. WALTER. I did not hear that last statement.

Mr. TAVENNER. You say you are not acquainted with any organization known as the Michigan Chapter of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born?

Mr. GROSSMAN. That is correct.

Mr. WALTER. Do you know whether or not there is such an organization?

Mr. GROSSMAN. To my knowledge there is not.

Mr. WALTER. There is not?

Mr. GROSSMAN. That is correct.

Mr. WALTER. Then as I understand the position you take, it is that you are afraid that you might incriminate yourself by answering the question whether or not you brought records of a nonexistent organization?

Mr. GROSSMAN. I stick to my previous answer, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. TAVENNER. Are you the executive secretary of the Michigan Committee for Protection of Foreign Born?

Mr. GROSSMAN. I decline to answer that question on the same grounds previously stated.

Mr. TAVENNER. Are you acquainted with an organization known as the Michigan Committee for Protection of Foreign Born?

Mr. GROSSMAN. I decline to answer that question on the same grounds.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know whether the Michigan Committee for Protection of Foreign Born is a part of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born?

Mr. GROSSMAN. I decline to answer that question on the same grounds.

Mr. TAVENNER. Mr. Chairman, I request that the witness be requested to stand aside for the present, so that we may go ahead with another witness. We will recall him.

(Whereupon, at 11:05 a. m., the witness, Saul Grossman, was temporarily excused.)

Because of the refusal of the said Saul Grossman to produce the said records, correspondence, and memoranda pertaining to the organization of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, the affiliation with other organizations, membership records, and all moneys expended and/or received by the Detroit Chapter of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, mentioned in the foregoing subpoena, the Committee on Un-American Activities has been deprived of the opportunity to inspect the same and the evidence contained therein which your committee considered relevant to the subject matter, which, under Public Law 601, section 121, subsection (q) (2) of the Seventy-ninth Congress, and under House Resolution No. 7 of the Eighty-second Congress, the said committee was instructed to investigate; and because of the refusal of Saul Grossman to answer the foregoing questions, the said Committee on Un-American Activities was deprived of answers to pertinent questions propounded to the said Saul Grossman relative to the subject matter, which, under Public Law 601, section 121, subsection (q) (2) of the Seventy-ninth Congress, and under House Resolution No. 7 of the Eighty-second Congress, the said committee was instructed to investigate, and the refusal of the witness to answer questions, namely:

Why haven't you produced them [records and documents] in accordance with the demands of the subpoena?

Are you the executive secretary of the Michigan Committee for Protection of Foreign Born?

Are you acquainted with an organization known as the Michigan Committee for Protection of Foreign Born?

Do you know whether the Michigan Committee for Protection of Foreign Born is a part of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born?

which questions were pertinent to the subject under inquiry, is a violation of the subpoena under which the witness had previously appeared. The willful and deliberate refusal of Saul Grossman to produce the said records and documents as called for in the subpoena, and his refusal to answer the aforesaid questions, deprived your committee of necessary and pertinent testimony and places the said witness in contempt of the House of Representatives of the United States.

After the said witness, Saul Grossman, was temporarily excused from the witness stand, he was served with the "forthwith" subpoena as described in the first paragraph of this report. In compliance with the said "forthwith" subpoena, Saul Grossman appeared before the said subcommittee at 11:45 a. m., and your committee then and there demanded the production of the said records, correspondence, and memoranda pertaining to the organization of the Michigan Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, the affiliation with other organizations, membership records, and all moneys expended and/or received by the Michigan Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, described in the said "forthwith" subpoena; and the said Saul Grossman refused to produce the said records and documents and refused to answer all questions relating thereto. The said Saul Grossman,

having appeared as a witness and having been asked questions, namely:

Why do you not have them [the records called for in the subpoena]?

You have been subpoenaed in your official capacity to produce those records.

You are the executive secretary of the Michigan Committee for protection of Foreign Born, are you not?

I asked you whether or not you refuse to produce the records called for in the subpoena. Because I am demanding the production of them.

Mr. Chairman, I request that he be directed to produce the records.

Yes; the acting chairman directs that the witness produce the records of the Michigan Committee for Protection of Foreign Born described in the subpoena duces tecum.

Where are the records of this committee?

Am I right in assuming that there are records?

Well, how about the question asked you by counsel? Do you decline to produce the records?

That is not what I asked you, and the question calls for a simple answer, "Yes" or "No."

which questions were pertinent to the subject under inquiry, refused to answer such questions; and as a result of the said Saul Grossman's refusal to answer the aforesaid questions and produce the said records and documents described in the said forthwith subpoena, your committee was prevented from receiving testimony and information concerning a matter committed to said committee in accordance with the terms of the subpoena served upon said Saul Grossman.

The record of the proceedings before the committee, on April 29, 1952, at 11:45 a. m. during which the said Saul Grossman refused to produce all records, correspondence, and memoranda pertaining to the organization of the Michigan Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, the affiliation with other organizations, membership records, and all moneys expended and/or received by the Michigan Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, pertinent to the subject under inquiry, and during which the said Saul Grossman refused to answer the aforesaid questions, pertinent to the subject under inquiry, is set forth as follows:

(A subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities, consisting of Hon. Francis E. Walter, chairman, Hon. James B. Frazier, Hon. Bernard W. Kearney, and Hon. Donald L. Jackson (Hon. James B. Frazier being absent), meeting in the chambers of the Committee on Un-American Activities on April 29, 1952, at 11:45 a. m., continued its interrogation of the witness, Saul Grossman, who had been temporarily excused at 11:05 a. m., on the same day, Francis E. Walter, presiding.)

Mr. WALTER. Who is your next witness, Mr. Tavenner?

Mr. TAVENNER. I would like to recall Mr. Grossman, Mr. Saul Grossman.

Mr. WALTER. The witness has been sworn.

The witness is represented by the same counsel.

Mr. TAVENNER. You are Mr. Saul Grossman?

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Mr. GROSSMAN. Yes; I am.

Mr. TAVENNER. You are the same person who appeared a few moments ago as a witness before the committee and was excused temporarily?

Mr. GROSSMAN. More than a few moments, but I am the same person.

Mr. TAVENNER. Since you were excused temporarily from your position as a witness before the committee, there has been served on you a forthwith subpoena duces tecum, on you in your official capacity as executive secretary of the Mich-

igan Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, to produce certain records before this committee.

I desire to offer in evidence the subpoena, which was served by Donald T. Appell, an investigator of this committee, and have it marked "Grossman exhibit No. 4."

Mr. WALTER. It will be so marked, and without objection it is received.

(The subpoena referred to was marked "Grossman exhibit No. 4," and made a part of the record.)

Mr. TAVENNER. I desire to ask whether you have with you the records called for in the subpoena.

Mr. GROSSMAN. I do not.

Mr. TAVENNER. Why do you not have them?

Mr. GROSSMAN. I decline to answer that question, on the grounds that my answer may incriminate me.

Mr. TAVENNER. You have been subpoenaed in your official capacity to produce those records. You are the executive secretary of the Michigan Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, are you not?

Mr. GROSSMAN. I decline to answer that question, on the same grounds.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do I understand that you are refusing to produce any records of that office?

Mr. GROSSMAN. You do not.

Mr. TAVENNER. What is that?

Mr. GROSSMAN. You do not.

Mr. TAVENNER. What is your position?

Mr. GROSSMAN. You ask a question, and I will answer it.

Mr. TAVENNER. I asked you whether or not you refuse to produce the records called for in the subpoena. Because I am demanding the production of them.

Mr. GROSSMAN. I decline to answer that question, on the grounds previously stated.

Mr. TAVENNER. Mr. Chairman, I request that he be directed to produce the records.

Mr. WALTER. Yes; the acting chairman directs that the witness produce the records of the Michigan Committee for Protection of Foreign Born described in the subpoena duces tecum.

Mr. GROSSMAN. I decline to answer that question, on the grounds previously stated.

Mr. WALTER. Do you decline to produce the records?

Mr. GROSSMAN. I do not have any records with me.

Mr. WALTER. Where are the records of this committee?

Mr. GROSSMAN. I decline to answer that question, on the grounds previously stated.

Mr. WALTER. Am I right in assuming that there are records?

Mr. GROSSMAN. I decline to answer that question, sir.

Mr. KEARNEY. Well, how about the question asked you by counsel? Do you decline to produce the records?

Mr. GROSSMAN. I do not have any records with me.

Mr. KEARNEY. That is not what I asked you, and the question calls for a simple answer, "Yes" or "No."

Mr. GROSSMAN. I decline to answer that question, on the grounds previously stated.

Mr. KEARNEY. I did not hear that.

Mr. GROSSMAN. I decline to answer the question, on the grounds previously stated.

Mr. TAVENNER. I have no further questions, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. WALTER. Any questions, Mr. Kearney or Mr. Jackson?

The witness may be excused.

The committee will recess, subject to call.

(Whereupon, at 11:55 a. m., Tuesday, April 29, 1952, the hearing was recessed, subject to the call of the Chair.)

Because of the refusal of the said Saul Grossman to produce all records, correspondence, and memoranda pertaining to the organization of the Michigan Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, the affiliation with other organizations, membership records, and all moneys expended and/or received by the Michigan Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, mentioned in the "forthwith"



subpena, described in the first paragraph of this report, the Committee on Un-American Activities has been deprived of the opportunity to inspect the same and of the evidence contained therein, which your committee considers relevant to the subject matter, which, under Public Law 601, section 121, subsection (q) (2) of the Seventy-ninth Congress and under House Resolution No. 7 of the Eighty-second Congress, the said committee was instructed to investigate; and because of the refusal of Saul Grossman to answer the foregoing questions, the said Committee on Un-American Activities was deprived of answers to pertinent questions propounded to the said Saul Grossman relevant to the subject matter, which, under Public Law 601, section 121, subsection (q) (2) of the Seventy-ninth Congress, and House Resolution No. 7 of the Eighty-second Congress, the said committee was instructed to investigate, and the refusal of the witness to answer questions, namely:

Why do you not have them [the records called for in the subpena]?

You have been subpoenaed in your official capacity to produce those records. You are the executive secretary of the Michigan Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, are you not?

I asked you whether or not you refuse to produce the records called for in the subpena. Because I am demanding the production of them.

Mr. Chairman, I request that he be directed to produce the records.

Yes; the acting chairman directs that the witness produce the records of the Michigan Committee for Protection of Foreign Born described in the subpena duces tecum.

Where are the records of this committee?

Am I right in assuming that there are records?

Well, how about the question asked you by counsel? Do you decline to produce the records?

That is not what I asked you, and the question calls for a simple answer, "Yes" or "No."

which questions were pertinent to the subject under inquiry, is a violation of the subpena under which the witness had previously appeared. The willful and deliberate refusal of Saul Grossman to produce the said records and documents as called for in the subpena, and his refusal to answer the aforesaid questions, deprived your committee of necessary and pertinent testimony and places the said witness in contempt of the House of Representatives of the United States.



